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1. SUMMARY: JULY 8 ANNOUNCEMENT OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR PEACE AND UNITY DESIGNATES SECRETARIES GENERAL OF MINISTRIES AND HEADS OF PARASTATAL AGENCIES. SIX SECRETARIES GENERAL CONFIRMED IN THEIR JOBS AND CHANGES REFLECT APPARENT IMPROVEMENT AND ATTEMPT REACH BETTER REGIONAL BALANCE. FORMER MINISTERS AT LIBERTY BUT EX-PRESIDENT STILL UNDER "PROTECTIVE CUSTODY." ANNOUNCEMENTS REFER TO HABYALIMANA AS "CHIEF OF STATE" AS WELL AS PRESENT OF COMMITTEE. MOST COUNTRIES WITH RESIDENT AMBASSADORS APPEAR DISPOSED CONTINUE NORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

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REPORT THAT USG HAD "WELCOMED" COUP WAS ERRONEOUS.

END SUMMARY.

2. ALTHOUGH SIX OF SECRETARIES GENERAL REMAINED THE SAME, CHANGES REFLECT AN APPARENT ATTEMPT TO BALANCE POSTS ACCORDING TO REGIONAL ORIGIN AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE APPOINTEES. A FORMER MINISTER OF HEALTH, DR. SIXTE BUTERA, WAS NAMED SECRETARY GENERAL FOR PUBLIC HEALTH. EMMANUEL HITAYEZU, BY TRAINING AND AGRICULTURAL ENGINEER AND ONLY MINISTER FROM PREVIOUS REGIME (SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PLAN) SO FAR GIVEN NEW JOB, BECOMES SECRETARY GENERAL FOR AGRICULTURE. AT HEIGHT OF BUMPER COFFEE SEASON ROSEPH MUNYANKINDI, A GITARAMA MAN, HAS BEEN RETAINED AS DIRECTOR OF OCIR. JUVENAL RENZAHU, VERY CAPABLE OUTGOING SECRETARY GENERAL OF EDUCATION WHO WAS GIVEN DIRECTORSHIP COLLEGE OFFICIAL DURING HEIGHT OF MARCH CRISIS, HAS BEEN APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF NEW OFFICE OF TOURISM AND PARKS. JEAN BIRARA, A NORTHERNER AND CONSIDERED VERY CAPABLE, HAS BEEN RETAINED IN KEY POSITION OF GOVERNOR NATIONAL BANK.

3. OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE IS ELEVATION TO SECRETARY GENERAL OF MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OF ANOTHER NORTHERNER, FRANCOIS NGARUKIYINTWALI. NGARUKIYINTWALI, PREVIOUSLY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS, IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED WORK HORSE AND BRAINS OF MINISTRY. HE HAS TRAVELED WIDELY ABROAD AND PARTICIPATED IN NUMEROUS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES.

4. HAVING LIBERATED FORMER MINISTERS, COMMITTEE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT EX-PRESIDENT KAYIBANDA WAS UNDER PROTECTIVE CUSTODY (EN SECURITE). MAJOR GENERAL HABYALIMANA IS BEING REFERRED TO IN ANNOUNCEMENTS AS "CHIEF OF STATE AND PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR PEACE AND UNITY."

5. GOVERNMENT REPORTED VISIT OF BURUNDIAN DELEGATION JULY 7 LED TO JULES BIMAZUBUTE TO WHOM HABYALIMANA EXPRESSED HOPE PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INCLUDING ETHNIC ONES, COULD BE RESOLVED WITHOUT SPILLING OF BLOOD. SINCE A PRINCIPAL PROBLEM BETWEEN RWANDA AND BURUNDI IS QUESTION OF REFUGEES, IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT UNHCR REP WRIGHT WAS CALLED BY COMMITTEE SPOKESMAN DAY OF COUP AND REASSURED THAT NEW GOVERNMENT WANTED GIVE EVERY ASSISTANCE NECESSARY TO MOVE BURUNDI REFUGEES AWAY FROM BORDER. THIS ASSURANCE PLUS THE GENERAL'S PREVIOUSLY KNOWN CONCERN

FOR QUICK RESETTLING OF REFUGEES AUGUR WELL FOR
CALMING THIS EXPLOSIVE SITUATION.

6. COMMITTEE'S ANNOUNCEMENT REPORTED GENERAL HABYALIMANA
HAD RECEIVED AMBASSADORS OF FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
GERMANY, FRANCE, BELGIUM AND UNITED STATES ON
JULY 7. FIRST THREE WERE CREDITED WITH SAYING IN
EFFECT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED
BY COUP BECAUSE THEIR GOVERNMENTS RECOGNIZE STATES
AS SUCH AND NOT GOVERNMENTS. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR

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BAEKELANDT, WHO CONSIDERS HABYALIMANA RESPONSIBLE

AND CONSCIENTIOUS LEADER WHO DESERVES SUPPORT, IS ASKING PERMISSION TO MAKE QUICK TRIP TO BRUSSELS. HE INTENDS ARGUE FOR EARLY AND FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO HABYALIMANA'S REQUESTS SINCE TAKEOVER TO REGULARIZE BELGIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE ALONG LINES DESIRED BY BELGIUM. AFTER COUP BROKE, HIS FOREIGN MINISTER INSTRUCTED HIM FROM HELSINKI TO KEEP ALL BELGIAN MILITARY IN THEIR HOUSES. HE DID NOT COMPLY, PERMITTING THEM CARRY ON USUAL TECHNICAL FUNCTIONS LIKE REPAIRING EQUIPMENT, AND URGENTLY REQUESTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPROVAL OF HIS POSITION. HE WAS RELIEVED TO RECEIVE THIS APPROVAL. AMBASSADOR BAEKELANDT BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT NOT TO DRAG FEET ON SUPPORTING HABYALIMANA IN ORDER GAIN GOODWILL, OR AT LEAST ESCAPE ALIENATION, HAVING IN MIND THE LONG HAUL. GERMAN AMBASSADOR IS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY NEW GOVERNMENT AND IS RECOMMENDING TO BONN THAT RELATIONS AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS SHOULD CONTINUE NORMALLY. IN FACT HE TOLD HABYALIMANA AFTERNOON JULY 7 HE HAD BECOME CONCERNED BY "RADICAL" TREND KAYIBANDA GOVERNMENT IN RECENT MONTHS AND HOPED NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD REVERSE THAT TREND. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ERRONEOUSLY CREDITED ME WITH HAVING DELCARED MY COUNTRY HAD "WELCOMED" EVENTS. GENERAL RECEIVED ME AT HIS REQUEST AND ASKED MY GOVERNMENT'S "REACTION" TO EVENTS. I SAID I HAD NOT YET RECEIVED ANY. (KIGALI 0423).

7. STILL ON SUBJECT DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION, IT APPEARS FROM TELEGRAMS OF SUPPORT HABYALIMANA RECEIVED IMMEDIATELY AFTER COUP FROM AMIN AND MICOMBERO THAT UGANDA AND BURUNDI WILL NOT INTERRUPT RELATIONSHIP. ZAIRE AMBASSADOR TOLD ME KINSHASA RADIO HAD REPORTED MOBUTU HAD SAID ZAIRE HAD NO PROBLEM WITH CONTINUING RELATIONS SO LONG AS NEW GOVERNMENT CAPABLE MAINTAINING PEACE. AMBASSADOR PERSONALLY DID NOT ANTICIPATE ANY PROBLEM WITH RECOGNITION. TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR ANDREW TIBANDEBAGE, WHO HAPPENED TO BE HERE AT TIME OF COUP AND WAS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TODAY TO KINSHASA, TOLD ME JULY 8 HE WAS NOT SURE OF ATTITUDE HIS GOVERNMENT. HE NOTED KAYIBANDA AND NYERERE HAD BEEN GOOD FRIENDS FOR LONG TIME. HOWEVER HE SAID HIS CONVERSATIONS LAST FEW DAYS IN KIGALI HAD INDICATED TO HIM THAT COUP WAS NOT UNPOPULAR AND HE WOULD HOPE HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD PERMIT HIM RETURN HERE IN MONTH OR SO TO CARRY ON AS USUAL. SOVIET AMBASSADOR TOLD ME HE HAD HAD NO REACTION FROM MOSCOW BUT HE PERSONALLY DOUBTED THERE WOULD BE ANY PROBLEM WITH CONTINUING NORMAL DIPLOMATIC

RELATIONS.

8. DAUGHTER PROMINENT CONGRESSMAN FROM RUHENGERI
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WHO HAS SECRETARIAL JOB IN KIGALI TOLD ME AFTERNOON
JULY 9 HABYALIMANA WAS MOVED TO ACT BY DISCOVERY
PLOT TO KILL HIM AND OTHER. WHEN I ASKED HER HOW
SHE KNEW THIS SHE REPLIED "IT'S WELL KNOWN."
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